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SUBJECT: INSECT DESTRUCTION OF SAHELIAN CROPS--PROPOSED
INFORMAL DONOR CONFERENCE

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1. FOR ROME: PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO OSRO STEVENSON FROM AID BROWN: QUOTE WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF OSRO'S EFFECTIVE ROLE IN COORDINATING PRELIMINARY DONOR RESPONSE FOR PROTECTING 1974 RIVER RECESSION CROPS IN THE SAHEL. USAID FULLY SUPPORTS YOUR EFFORT AND INTENDS FURNISH OUR SHARE OF NEEDED DONOR RESOURCES UNDER AUSPICES YOUR AGENCY. WISH TO MAKE TWO CLARIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT REFERENCED MESSAGE ON SUBJECT OF INFORMAL DONOR GATHERING IN WASHINGTON ON DEC. 11. FIRST, WE VIEW THE SUGGESTED SESSION AS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE TECHNICAL EXCHANGE ON RECURRING, ANNUAL PLANT PEST PROBLEM. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT A DONOR STRATEGY FOR ASSISTANCE IN PLANT PROTECTION AREA WILL EMERGE FROM SUCH A TECHNICAL EXCHANGE SESSION. HOPEFULLY, THE REQUIRED STRATEGY WOULD BE FORMULATED AT A LATER DATE BY A POLICY GROUP CONVENED UNDER OTHER AUSPICES, SUCH AS SAHEL GOVERNMENTS, TO DISCUSS APPROPRIATE FORMS OF DONOR ASSISTANCE. SECONDLY, THE SUGGESTED TIMING OF THE TECHNICAL GATHERING IN WASHINGTON (I.E., DEC. 11) PRECLUDES ANY EFFECTIVE ADDRESSING OF THE PRESSING RIVER-RECESSION PROBLEM NOW FACING SAHELIAN FARMERS. AS INDICATED ABOVE WE FULLY SUPPORT OSRO'S ALREADY-UNDERWAY EFFORT TO ASSIST IN CONTAINING THIS CURRENT PLANT PROTECTION PROBLEM. UNQUOTE

2. FOR OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS: SEE SEPARATE CABLE WHICH SUMMARIZES OSRO'S COORDINATION ROLE FOR DONOR ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT THIS YEAR'S RIVER RECESSION CROP. KISSINGER

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